

PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Village Annual Meeting held on 26 May 2022 at 8.00pm

Present:

Patricia Alsop (PA) PPC Chairman
Gino Zabeo (GZ) Parish Councillor
Steve Welford (SW) Parish Councillor & Clerk

Participating via Teams: Simon Guest (SG) Parish Councillor, Vivien and Nigel Thursby (NT)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mark Cann, John Derry, Paul Oatway

2. Chairman's Report

PA confirmed that all minutes and agendas are published on the Parish website (www.patney.net) and in hard copy on the noticeboard.

PA provided a summary of the key events undertaken by the Parish Council over the past year. These are:

- Organised a 4th refuse bin at the north end of the village, installed and emptied by idVerde.
- Commissioned a new Patney village sign at the south end of the village.
- Canvassed the views of villagers on how to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, culminating in the funding by the Parish Council of:
 - The planting of a replacement Cherry Tree in Pucklands with a Queen's Green Canopy plaque;
 - The installation of the Sarsen stone on the village green with a plaque showing the number of residents in Patney over a number of years;
 - A hog roast, bouncy castle (including insurance) and line dancing at the Jubilee party to be held on 3 June to which all are welcome.
- Renewed the Defibrillator contract with South West Ambulance Service at a cost of £1,800 for a 4 year period, to be paid at the rate of £450 per annum.
- Responded to Planning Applications, most recently in relation to the application at 23 Woodland Road.
- Approved a modest increase in the Annual Precept for 2022/23 from £1,000 to £1,500 pa.

3. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22

SW explained that the Statement of Accounts had been approved at the earlier meeting of the Council. The accounts for the year included a Parish precept of £1,000, and total expenditure of £1,345.38 which includes £147.86 Patney village sign, £261.36 waste

bin installation & emptying, £121.18 village notice board repair, £137.90 Jubilee cherry tree, £145.99 Jubilee tree plaque. The bank balance was £8,839.59 on 31 March 2022.

Variances from 2020/21 are an increase in income of £208.20, a reduction in expenditure of £753.30, and a reduction in the EOY bank balance of £134.59.

The internal audit of the accounts will be completed in June; the AGAR documents, including Certificate of Exemption, will be submitted to the external auditor before 02 July 2022.

4. Matters from the public

- Patney village sign – NT asked if it was possible to claim the cost of the replacement sign on our insurance policy. The original sign was provided by Wiltshire Council, so we are not able to make a claim for this; the new sign is listed as a village asset and included in the insurance cover.
- Parish precept and reserve – NT asked who sets the precept and whether the level of reserve is appropriate. PA confirmed that the precept is set by the Parish Council, after consideration of the expected level of expenditure in future years. The current precept was set with the planned Jubilee expenditure in mind. The reserve is held at a level previously advised by Paul Oatway as appropriate for a parish of our size; the reserve is currently stable at a level of £9,000.
- Traffic speed indicators – NT raised the question of installing speed indicators on Woodland Road at the south and north ends of the village. It was noted that a previous traffic speed survey conducted by Wiltshire Council had shown no need for such measures; it was also noted that the Wiltshire Council loan scheme for equipment is no longer in operation, so any cost would need to be borne by the Parish Council. It was agreed to research the cost of hiring/purchasing speed indicators.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

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Patricia Alsop, Chairman